

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the application as indicated hereafter.

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as indicated below. The language being added is underlined (“ ”) and the language being deleted contains strikethrough (“”):

1 – 18. (Canceled)

19. (New) A system for directing personnel to an emergency location, the emergency location being one of a plurality of locations in a location group, and the location group being one of a plurality of location groups in a community, the system comprising:

an electrical circuit having a switch operable from each of the plurality of locations, the circuit including:

an entrance light source located at an entrance of each of the plurality of locations, including the emergency location; and

a group light source for each of the plurality of location groups, the plurality of location groups including a location group including the emergency location;

wherein, at a time after being signaled from the emergency location, the switch couples a combination of light sources to a power supply to provide a light trail to the emergency location, the combination of light sources including:

the entrance light source located at the entrance of the emergency location; and

the group light source for the location group including the emergency location.

20. (New) The system of claim 19, wherein the electrical circuit further comprises a stairwell light source corresponding to a set of stairs used to access at least one of the plurality of locations, and the combination of light sources providing a light trail to the emergency location additionally includes the stairwell light source for the set of stairs used to access the emergency location.

21. (New) The system of claim 20, wherein the emergency location is an apartment and the location group is an apartment group.

22. (New) The system of claim 20, further comprising a keypad in electrical communication with the switch for signaling the switch to couple the combination of light sources to the power supply.

23. (New) The system of claim 20, wherein the electrical circuit further comprises a mailbox light source, and the combination of light sources providing a light trail to the emergency location additionally includes the mailbox light source.

24. (New) A method for directing personnel to an emergency location, the emergency location being one of a plurality of locations in a location group, and the location group being one of a plurality of location groups in a community, the method comprising:

coupling a plurality of light sources to a switch, the plurality of light sources including:

an entrance light source located at an entrance of each of the plurality of locations, including the emergency location; and

a group light source for each of the plurality of location groups, the plurality of location groups including a location group including the emergency location; and

establishing an electrical connection between a combination of light sources to a power supply through the switch to provide a light trail to the emergency location, the combination of light sources electrically connected to the power supply including the entrance light source located at the entrance of the emergency location and the group light source for the location group including the emergency location.

25. (New) The method of claim 24, wherein the step of coupling the plurality of light sources to a switch further comprises coupling a stairwell light source to the switch, the stairwell light source corresponding to a set of stairs used to access at least one of the plurality of locations; and

wherein the step of establishing an electrical connection between the combination of light sources and the power supply further includes establishing an electrical connection between the power supply and the stairwell light source for the set of stairs used to access the emergency location.

26. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein the emergency location is an apartment and the location group is an apartment group.

27. (New) The method of claim 24, further including:

pressing at least one key of a device that is coupled to the switch to establish the electrical connection between the combination of light sources and the power supply.

28. (New) A system for guiding personnel to a specific apartment in an apartment community, comprising:

an electrical circuit having a switch operable from each of a plurality of apartments in the apartment community, the circuit including:

an entrance light source located at an entrance of each of the plurality of apartments in the apartment community;

an apartment group light source for each of a plurality of apartment groups in the apartment community, the apartment groups representing a collection of apartments in the apartment community; and

a stairwell light source corresponding to a set of stairs used to access at least one of the plurality of apartments,

wherein upon being signaled from the specific apartment of the plurality of apartments, the switch configured to couple a combination of light sources to a power supply to provide a light trail to the specific apartment, the combination of light sources including:

the apartment group light source corresponding to the specific apartment;

the entrance light source for the specific apartment; and

a stairwell light source for the set of stairs used to access the specific apartment.